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1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY PATRICK O'FARRELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER, NEW YORK THAT THEY HAVE RESPONDED THIS MORNING JAN. 31 BY COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM TO AALC'S LESTER TRACHTMAN, HOTEL EDINBURGH, KITWE, ZAMBIA.

2. QUOTE. SUGGEST FOLLOWING POINTS BE MADE:

1) EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT CONFERENCE INTENDED FOR ANGOLOPHONE PARTICIPANTS ONLY WITH ZAIRE PARTICIPATING DUE TO LOCATION AND IMPORTANCE; 2) INVITATION WAS PREMATURE AND WE SEE NO GOOD REASON TO MAKE EXCEPTION FOR FRANCOPHONE CONGO BRAZZAVILLE WHICH RAISES THE QUESTION OF SEVERAL OTHER FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES WITH SUBSTANTIAL MINING ACTIVITIES; 3) IF HOST FEELS STRONGLY ENOUGH ABOUT IT THEY MUST BE WILLING TO PAY ALL COSTS OF CONGO (B) PARTICIPATION;

4) WE WOULD VERY MUCH REGRET CHANGE OF VENUE OVER THIS QUESTION BUT OUR POSITION IS FIRM, HOPE YOU CAN RESOLVE

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THIS PROBLEM TO EVERYONE'S SATISFACTION. BEST REGARDS TO

ALL. O'FARRELL. END OF QUOTE. KISSINGER

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